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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN COMMENT ON MOYNIHAN SPEECH

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1. AFTER WE HAD COMPLETED OUR HOUR-LONG DISCUSSION OF CSCE DEC 29, FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV SAID HE WISHED TO BRING UP ANOTHER MATTER. THERE HAD BEEN AN "INCIDENT" AT THE UN, HE SAID, "PROVOKED BY YOUR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE" WHO HAD MADE CERTAIN ATTACKS "WHICH IN MY OPINION WERE NOT OBJECTIVE." HE HAD GONE THROUGH THE TEXT HIMSELF AND HAD CONCLUDED THAT WHILE THE REMARKS WERE "INADMISSIBLE" THEY PROBABLY REPRESENTED ONLY THE PERSONAL VIEWS OF OUR REPRESENTATIVE AND NOT THOSE OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

2. QUITE THE CONTRARY, I SAID, THE REMARKS OF AMBAS-  
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SADOR MOYNIHAN REPRESENTED THE VIEWS OF THE US GOVERN-

MENT AND HAD THE PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT OF PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. THE AMBASSADOR'S STYLE IS HIS OWN, BUT THE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENTS OF HIS SPEECHES SHOULD BE TAKEN AS AUTHORITATIVE EXPRESSIONS OF THE POSITIONS OF OUR GOVERNMENT. IN THAT CASE, SAID MLADENOV, IT WAS ALL THE MORE REGRETTABLE THAT DURING THE MOYNIHAN SPEECH SOME THINGS HAD BEEN SAID WHICH HAD FORCED THE BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO WALK OUT.

3. I SAID THE WALKOUT WAS INDEED REGRETTABLE. AT THE UNITED NATIONS ONE HAS TO LISTEN TO MANY VIEWS THAT ARE DISAGREEABLE TO HEAR, AND IF THE US WALKED OUT EVERY TIME SOMETHING WAS SAID TO WHICH WE MIGHT TAKE OFFENSE WE WOULD BE WALKING OUT A LOT MORE FREQUENTLY THAN THE BULGARIANS. IT IS THE VIEW OF THE US THAT THE LATEST UNGA HAS DONE SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE WHOLE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM; AND IF AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN HAD BLUNTLY POINTED TO CERTAIN HYPOCRISIES AND INCONSISTENCIES HE HAD DONE SO IN A CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORT TO PREVENT THE GA FROM BECOMING COMPLETELY IRRELEVANT.

4. MLADENOV SAID THAT, NEVERTHELESS, SUCH SPEECHES COULD HARDLY LEAD TO IMPROVED RELATIONS. "I AM TALKING ABOUT THE PASSAGE THAT DEALS INTIMATELY WITH OUR COUNTRIES." (HE DID NOT IDENTIFY THE PASSAGE.) OF COURSE, HE CONCLUDED THIS EXCHANGE, EVERY REPRESENTATIVE HAS THE RIGHT TO SAY WHAT HE BELIEVES. HE HAD RAISED THE MATTER ONLY BECAUSE WE SHOULD KNOW THAT THE BULGARIANS HAD READ MR. MOYNIHAN'S REMARKS AND COULD NOT FAIL TO REACT TO THEM.  
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